MINUTES

OF THE

Eighteenth Annual Session

OF THE

BOILING SPRING

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Christiana Church, Randolph County, Ala., Septhe 8th, 9th and 10th, 1877.

OFFICERS:

T. H. HOWLE, *Moderator.*

J. W. McCLINTOCK, *Clerk.*

PRINTED AT THE OXFORD TRIBUNE JOB-OFFICE

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE:

A. F. Allen, Oxford,
J. M. Barrett, Munford,
F. M. Campbell, Chulafinnee,
J. W. Chandler, Chulafinnee,
J. T. Coleman, Chulafinnee,
T. H. Howle, Delta,
J. D. Jordan, Delta,
W. O. Jenkins, Delta,
H. C. Knight, Delta,
E. Miller, Oaklone,
J. G. Nall, Munford,
M. J. Sorrell, Chulafinnee,
J. A. Shaddix, Dalta,
D. J. Dodd, Chulafinnee,
J. F. Watson, Chulafinnee,
S. T. Collier, Delta,

Licentiates:

W. J. Campbell, Chulafinne,
W. W. Coleman, Chulafinnee,
E. Z. T. Davis, Chulafinnee,
M. F. McClintock, Delta,
M. V. Steadham, Delta,
A. P. Hanson, Oxford,
Jer. Stuphens, Delta,
P. L. Smith, Munford,
T. T. Thomas, Munford,
E. N. Moore, Christiana,
Wm. Odell, Chulafinnee,
John Stephns, Christiana,
T. J. Morrison, Delta,

MINUTES.

CHRISTIANA, RANDOLPH COUNTY, ALA.)
SATURDAY, September, 8th, 11 o'clock A. M. 1877. ʃ

1st. The Boiling Spring Baptist Association met according to adjournment.

2nd. The Introductory sermon was preached by brother J. T. Coleman, followed by brother E. Miller in prayer. Text, 5th Chapter of Romans, 6th V: "For when we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

3d. Adjourned for Refreshment.

2. O'CLOCK, P. M.

4th. The Association assembled in the house; was called to order by the former Moderator. Prayer by Eld. J. D. Jordan.

5th. Brethren T. J. Morrison and W. W. Payne were requested to receive, and brethren M. F. McClintock and J. H. Abel to read the letters from the churches, when the following named delegates were enrolled:—

FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—E. B. Kilgroe, W. J. Young, J. H. Davis.
Ebenezer—Newton Hughes, S. Hughes, Jesse Mitchel.
Hopeful—J. H. Collins, W. Bray, J. G. Nall.
Salt-creek—A. Adams, R. Wilkerson, J. T. Clark.
Mt.-Pisgah—W. Willingham, W. Jowers, P. L. Chandler.
Providence—J. T. Millsap, F. W. Burk, W. Gilbert.
Union—G. W. Bruce, J. A. Shaddix, F. M. Dempsey.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethel—J. A. Kennedy, J. G. Leverett, Wm. Daniel.
Bethsaida—J. H. Abel, S. T. Sealy, J. W. McClintock.
Hepsibah—Not represented.
Pleasant Grove, Cleburne county.—J. M. Campbell, B. Maddox, W. T. Venable.
New-Harmony—L. B. Ingraham, J. M. Hendon, W. O. Cook.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Mt. Moriah—E. A. Smith, C. Davis, W. H. Preston.
Mt. Olive—T. Sims, Abner Myhand, J. P. Sims.
Ramah—J. M. Dillon, T. W. Moon, J. H. Fullerton.
Christiana—John M. Bean, W. G. Preston, A. A. Young.
Pleasant Grove, Clay county,—Jesse Robertson, Z. Jordan, C. H. Mason.
Good Hope—James McClintock, W. W. Payne, Allen Jenkins.

6th. Organized permanently by re-electing Elder T. H. Howle Moderator and J. W. McClintock, Clerk.

7th. Adopted the former order of business.

8th. Read the Rules of Decorum.

9th. Called for letters from churches desiring membership, and received letters and delegates from the following named churches: From Fellowship, W. H. Burdett, W. M. Garrett, J. L. Wethers; from Sardis, W. H. Clark.

10th. On motion received the said churches as members of this body.

11th. Invited visiting ministers to seats with us, and called for correspondents from other Associations. Received from Cary, G. W. Bell, W. H. Hardy, U. D. Smith, G. W. Bain, W. B. Smith, Y. J. A. Bartlett, R. Griffin, Joseph Hubbard, G. B. Jenkins, Thos. Hays, John Burrow.

12th. On motion suspended the regular order of business to allow brother E. A. Smith to offer a preamble and resolution. After hearing the resolution, on motion it was deferred until Monday for further consideration.

13th. Resumed the regular order of business.

14th. Appointed a committee to arrange preaching, viz: Z. A. Kennedy, W. G. Preston, C. Davis with the deacons of Christiana church.

15th. Appointed a committee on Finance, viz: J. H. Abel, Jas. McClintock, J. M. Dillon and W. J. Young.

16th. Committee on preaching reported brother E. Miller to preach at candle-light, followed by brother W. F. McClintock.

17th. Prayer in behalf of the churches by Elder S. T. Collier, and adjourned to meet Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Preaching at 9 o'clock by Elder J. A. Shaddix, followed by Rev. T. J. Morrison in prayer. At 11 o'clock the Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder J. D. Jordan, from Matthew 28: 19 and 20; which resulted in a deep manifestation of the Spirit of Christ being in our midst. At 2 o'clock, P. M., preaching by brother G. B. Jenkins, followed by brother E. N. Moore; and at candle-light, preaching by Elder H. C. Knight, followed by Elder J. T. Coleman.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Associa ion was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. E. Miller.

18th. Called the roll and marked absentees.

19th. Invited visiting brethren to seats.

20th. Renewed the invitation to visiting ministers.

21st. Renewed the call for correspondents.

22nd. Called for the order of the day.

23rd. The committee appointed to revise the Constitution read the revision and after a second reading, on motion, it was adopted as revised.

24th. On motion appointed a special committee to answer the queries presented at this session, viz.; W. O. Jenkins, James McClintock, C. Davis, Thos. Thompson, J. M. Barrett.

25th. On motion took up the resolution offered by brother E. A. Smith, and after debate it was amended by adopting the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend the pastor of each church to urge the necessity of meeting every Sabbath and to have some religious services.

26th. On motion continued Query No. 2. (violations of Decalogue), and appointed Eld. W. O. Jenkins chairman, adding Eld. T. H. Howle.

27th On motion the following queries were received and adopted with their answers:

Query No 1—Can we consistently receive a member from a church that we will exclude one for joining? Answer: We say NO.

Query No 2—What ought to be done with a member who is engaged in the traffic of ardent spirits? Answer: After due labor without success, EXCLUDE.

Query No. 3—What ought to be done with a deacon who through prejudice tries to keep a brother from exercising his gift in public? Answer: after due labor without success EXCLUDE.

28th. Called for reports of standing committees.

Report on Domestic Mission adopted. See appendix A.

Report on the Bible adopted. See appendix B.

Report on Sabbath Schools adopted. See appendix C.

Report on Obituaries adopted. See appendix D.

Report on Temperance adopted. See appendix E.

Report on Queries adopted. See appendix F.

Report on Executive Business adopted. See appendix G.

Report on Publications adopted. See appendix H.

Report on Family Religion adopted. See appendix J.

Report of the committee to answer Queries adopted. See appendix K.

Finance report adopted. See appendix L.

Treasurer's report adopted. See appendix M.

On motion adjourned until 2 o'clock for refreshments.

MONDAY EVENING, 2 o'clock.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. J. M. Barrett.

29th. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations.

To CARY—H. C. Knight, Z. Jordan, Elder J. D. Jordan, F. M. Burk, T. H. Howle.

Arbacoochee—J. T. Coleman, H. C. Knight, T. J. Morrison, W. H. Preston, T. H. Howle, J. H. Abel.

Coosa River—E. B. Kilgroe, W. J. Young, Wm. Daniel, F. M. Burk.

Harmony—E. Miller, B. Maddox, L. B. Ingraham, J. M. Dillon, W. T. Willingham.

30th. On motion appointed as Delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, brethren J. T. Coleman, J.H. Abel, John Stephens, W. O.

Jenkins, J. M. Barrett, H. C. Knight, T. H. Howle, C. Davis, W. H. Preston.

31st. On Motion appointed the following committees to report at the next session of this body.

On Domestic Missions—S. T. Collier, Z. Jordan, Newton Hughes.

On the Bible—A. F. Allen, J. A. Kennedy, W. J. Young.

On Sabbath Schools—M. F. McClintock, F. M. Dempsey, L. B. Ingraham.

On Obituaries—J. A. Shaddix, W. G. Preston, T. J. Morrison.

On Temperance—W. O. Jenkins, M. J. Sorrell, J. D. Jordan.

On Queries—J. T. Coleman, D. J. Dodd, J. M. Barrett.

On Executive Business—J. H. Abel, W. W. Payne, W. H. Preston.

On Publications—H. C. Knight, John W. Stephens, J. W. Chandler.

On Family Worship—Jere Stephens, E. A. Smith, Jas. McClintock.

To Answer Queries—F. M. Campbell, J. H. Fullerton, J. W. McClintock.

32nd. Appointed W. G. Preston Treasurer.

33rd. On motion elected Elder H. C. Knight to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. A. Shaddix, alternate. Also elected Elder T. H. Howle to preach the Missionary Sermon; Elder J. D. Jordan, alternate, at the next session of this body.

34th. On motion adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That any brother in good standing in our Association being present at an Association with which we correspond is hereby authorized to represent us in such body.

Resolved, 2nd. That our time of meeting be changed from the 2nd to embrace the 4th Sabbath in September.

Resolved, 3rd. That the brother Clerk have three hundred copies of the minutes of this session printed, and distribute them *pro rata* to the amount of money sent up by each church.

Resolved, 4th That the meeting in the First District be held with Salt Creek Church, commencing on the Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1878. The Second District to embrace the first Sabbath in August, 1878, at New Harmony church. The Third District at Ramah Church on Friday before the third Sabbath in July, 1878.

Resolved, 5th. That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Christiana church, for their kind hospitality shown us during this session.

35th. On motion read and adopted the Minutes.

After singing a hymn and extending the parting hand and prayer by Elder H. C. Knight, the Association adjourned to meet with Bethel Church, four miles north of Delta, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, A. D., 1878.

T. H. HOWLE, Moderator.

J. W. McCLINTOCK, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your committee on Domestic Missions are glad to report that Elder J. W. Chandler was employed by the executive committee to supply the Destitution on Horse creek and that his labors were blessed, having preached 20 days, baptized 8, and constituted one church. We recommend that missionary labors be continued there another year.

W. O. JENKINS, Chairman.

B.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE.

Your committee recommend that inasmuch as the Holy Bible is the only Book in which the will and testament of God have been given to man; the only Book divinely inspired which tells of the Savior and Redeemer of the lost world; the only Book suited to lead poor sinners and condemned man to God's grace; and finally to Everlasting Salvation, and is equally suited to instruct the rich, the poor, the noble, the ignoble, bond and free, from the poorest and most degraded Hottentot to the king on his throne; the vilest sinner and most perfect saint—be read and studied prayerfully.

Respectfully submitted, T. J. MORRISON, Chairman.

C.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, must confess that we feel our incompetency for the task; but feel, too, that an effort on our part is but our duty; hence we offer the following as our report: 1st. That the Sabbath School is one of the most important institutions ever organized amongst the children of men; that such we believe is true, and think that no one will dispute, especially if they know the design of this organization. When we but for a moment remember the immense value of one immortal soul, and then remember the great design in establishing such a school, as it is calculated to meet the instruction given by the wise man Solomon—"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth"—it is the place where the young and tender mind, may be taught to remember their God; and we are taught to search the Scriptures; then there is not a more suitable place to search the word of God than in the Sabbath School; and not alone for the young but all. Every one should have a knowledge of the Scriptures; "for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of me."

Truly the Sabbath School is the nursery where the young and tender

mind is twined and prepared to grow up right and stored with useful knowledge, and we see that the nations of the earth must first be taught before they can become fit subjects for the kingdom of heaven. Hence we believe that the Sabbath School is a great place of learning God's will to man now. If we have a just and adequate conception of the design of organizing Sabbath Schools it is to acquire knowledge of the Scriptures and to learn the ways of true Holiness; and all may learn at this school. None are debarred on account of their circumstances, but all may come and learn the way that God would have them go—the poor, the rich, the noble and the ignoble; all who will can without money and without price buy milk and honey (a knowledge of the Lord). As all are to be taught we conclude that this system of teaching is the cheapest and the best; but some, however, are opposed to such. We would say stop, because those who oppose the Sabbath School, in our opinion, are fighting against God, for he says: "Suffer little children to come unto me." We understand that they are to come and learn wisdom, learn the ways of God. Thus in the Sabbath School is the place to learn both to old and young. We mean Biblical knowledge. We would now urge the necessity upon all of becoming interested and those who cannot teach in one way can in another; if not in letters they can give their presence and encouragement. And now, dear brethren, let us be engaged earnestly in teaching the nations to cease to do evil and learn to do well.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

D.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries, ask leave to report:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has spared all of our ministers and deacons through another year, we feel to give God thanks for his preserving care and protecting power, and we pray God to continue his mercies toward us. Respectfully submitted.

E. MILLER, Chairman.

E.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance report as follows:

So far as we are able to learn, Temperance is at a low ebb, and we are sorry to say that all of our brethren cannot see the great evils that attend the distillation, sale and use, as a beverage, of ardent spirits; therefore we would most respectfully recommend to our good brethren of the churches of this Association, to aid by all lawful means to bring about sobriety in our land. Very respectfully submitted.

J. D. JORDAN, Chairman.

F.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

Your committee on queries submit the following Report: There have been three presented, as follows: No 1—Can we consistently receive a member from a church that we will exclude one for joining? No 2—What ought to be done with a member that is engaged in the traffic of ardent spirits? No 3—What ought to be done with a deacon who through prejudice tries to keep a brother from exercising his gift in public? Respectfully submitted, N. V. Hughes, Chairman.

G.

ON EXECUTIVE BUSINESS.

Your committee on Executive Business submit the following Report: That according to a Resolution of the last session we supplied Horse creek Destitution, by sending Elder J. W. Chandler to the work, and expended the Domestic Mission fund that was in the hands of the Treasurer. Respectfully submitted, J. H. Abel, chairman.

H.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report on Publications: As our people are in general need of religious literature we recommend and urge it upon every member especially to read the Bible; and take it for the man of his counsel, with other religious works; such as Smith's Bible Dictionary, with other commentaries, which should be read in connection with each other, with the spirit and understanding.

Most respectfully submitted, J. H. ABEL, Chairman.

J.

FAMILY RELIGION.

The question naturally arises what is Family Religion? We know not how to answer this question—whether it is to gather information relative to the worship of the several families, or is it to write an essay on family worship. We rather conclude that this is the intention of the question. We therefore write on family worship. We think that this is a duty that we much neglect. In traveling over the country we are made sad that family prayer is so much neglected, and the catechising of the family in the Holy Scriptures. We do not know of a single instance where family prayer is kept up regularly, and the family is well instructed. This ought not so to be. We see a sad deficit in this particular, and we recommend that the head of every family pray in his family and read the word of God, and instruct them in the same, and to call upon ministers, at least when present, to have religious exercises. We see this much

neglected to the detriment of the cause of Christ, and the joy of the family. And may God help us to discharge our duty.

Respectfully submitted, J. T. COLEMAN, Chairman.

K.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ANSWER QUERIES.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

In answer to Query No. 1, we say No; in answer to No. 2, after due labor without success, EXCLUDE; in answer to No. 3, after due labor without success, EXCLUDE.

Respectfully submitted, C. DAVIS, Chairman.

L.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We find for Minutes Fund	$21.15
For Clerk Fee,	4.15
Total	25.30.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. ABEL, Chairman.

M.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. G. Preston, Treasurer,
In account with
Boiling Springs Association,

To cash received from		
Finance Commmittee,	$21.15	
" Cash, Clerk Fee,	4.15	$25.30.
By cash paid to J. W. McClintock, Clerk for the Association,		
For Minutes,	$21.15	
By cash paid to J. W. McClintock		
For Clerk Fee,	4.15	$25.30.

G. W. PRESTON, Treasurer.

REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE BOILING SPRING ASSOCIATION.

Article 1.—The ordained and liscensed ministers, together with the lay members who are regularly chosen delegates, and who are in good standing in our union, shall compose the Association; but ministers are not considered delegates, but are considered members, and have the same privilege of debate and vote as other members, and to perform any other duty assigned them by the body.

Statistics of the Churches for the Year 1877:

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	By whom Supplied.	P. O.	CLERK'S ADDRESS.	Baptized...	Rec'd by Letter	Restored....	Granted Letters	Excluded....	Dead.....	Total.....	Sabbath Meeting	Minutes Fund..	Clerk's Fee.....	
Bethlehem	[illegible]burne.....	M J Sorrell	Chulafinnee	J H Davis, Oxford,.....	2	11	2	5	1		70	[illegible]	$2	00	$1 00
Bethel.....	Clay.....	M J Sorrell	Chulafinnee	U E Humphries, Oakbone....	1	9		6	0		82	2	2	00	50
Bethsaida	Cleburne.....	F M Campbell	Chulafinnee	J W McClintock, Chulafinnee..	2	2		2	1	1	39	4	1	00	50
Christiana	Randolph	T H Howle....	Delta....	T Thompson, Christiana	4	5	1				50	4	1	30	40
Ebenezer.....	Talladega	J M Barrett....	Munford	N Hughes, Munford		1					21	4		45	
Good Hope..	Clay.....	T H Howle....	Delta....	M F Mc Clintock, Delta.....		4		2	3		29	1	1	50	50
Hepsibah				.....											
Hopefield	Talladega	J G Nall.....	Munford	W A Garrett, Munford.....	6	1		11			43				
Mt Olive	Clay	J A Shaddix..	Delta....	[illegible]ns, Delta.....	7	1		1	1	1	30			60	
Mt Moriah	Clay..	T H Howle....	Delta....	[illegible] Smith, Delta.....	3	1	1	4			85	1	2	50	
Mt Pisgah ...	Cleburne.....	J W Chandler.	Chulafinnee	D N Hembree, Oxford		3		2	1	1	17	2		50	
New Harmony .	Cleburne.....	J F Potter....	Lone Grove	J M Hendon, Lone Grove....	3	3		3	3		43	3	1	00	50
Pleasant Hil.				.....											
Pleasant Grove	Clay.....	H C Knight....	Lineville	W H Garrett, Lineville ...	6	5			3	1	74	2	1	25	
Pleasant Grove	Cleburne.....	J F Watson....	Chulafinnee	J M Campbell, Chulafinnee....	4	2					40	4	1	40	
Providence	Talladega	J M Barrett....	Munford	J T Millsap, Munford.....	5					1	27	3	1	40	
Ramah	Clay	T H Howle....	Delta	J H Fullerton, Delta.....	1	5					50	3	2	00	75
Salt Creek....	Talladega	J W Chandler.	Chulafinnee	J G Nall, Munford.....				3			27	3		75	
Union	Clay	J A Shaddix	Shinbone	G W Brace, Shinbone.....	2		2	2	1		24	2	1	00	
Fellowship	Cleburne.....	J T Coleman	Chulafinnee	J L Wethers, Munford,.....							12	1		50	
Sardis	Talladega	J W Chandler	Chulafinnee	W H Clark, Munford.....	4						4	1			
Total.....					53	53	6	41	14	5	787	$21	15	84	

Art. 2. The members so chosen shall produce letters or other evidence from their respective churches certifying their appointment and the state of the churches since their last representation.

Art. 3. The members so chosen and convened shall be called the Boiling Spring Baptist Association.

Art. 4. This Association shall sit as an advirsory council, and shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor infringe on the internal rights of the churches, but shall have power to withdraw from any church proved to be unsound in faith and practice according to the scriptures, and any church that fails to represent herself for two associational meetings shall be deemed in disorder. It shall then be the duty of the Association to appoint two or more brethren to visit said church, to ascertain the cause of her delinquency, and report the same to the next Association.

Art. 5. If one church commit an offense against another it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender, and if she fail to obtain satisfaction, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, the aggrieved church may lay the case before the Association for advice. And if a serious difficulty should arise in an individual church, which after due labor she cannot reconcile, she may call to her aid two or more churches of her union, and if the difficulty be not then removed, it shall be the duty of the church to bring the case before the Association to be acted on as above prescribed; but the association shall take cognizance of no case unless a due course of procedure shall have been taken.

Art. 6. Any church desiring admittance into this union shall petition by letters and messenger, and if found orthodox shall be received by the Association, through the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each church in our union shall have three delegates until she have fifty members, and then one additional delegate for every 25 members, after the first fifty.

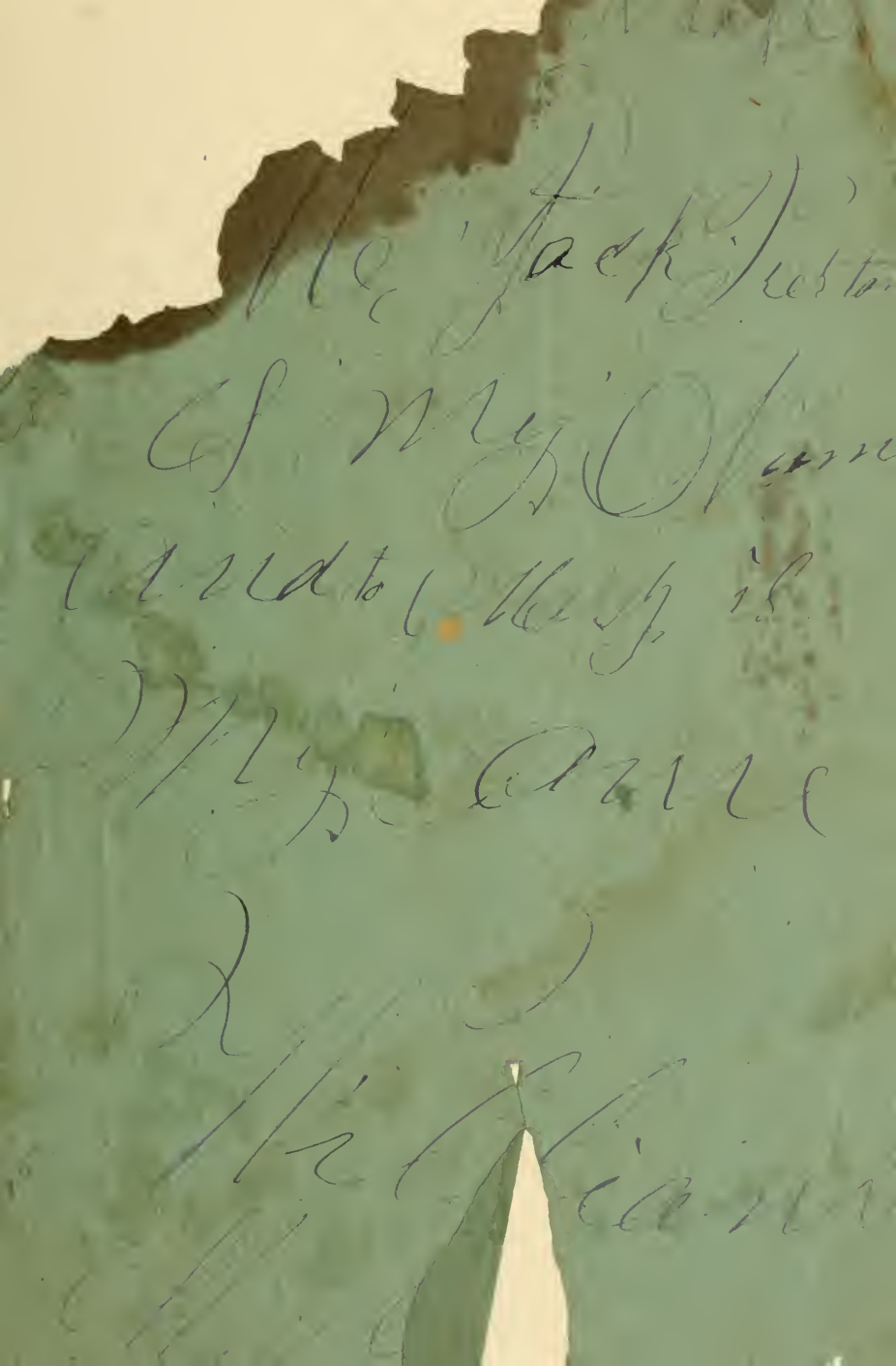
Art. 8. Any church has a right to authorize any brother whom she has jurisdication over, to exercise in public, if in her judgment she may deem worthy, but in licensing we recommend the churches to call to aid experienced members from other churches. In cases of ordination we recommend that two or more ordained ministeres be called to aid in the same, and that a report be made at the next Association.

Art. 9. This Association may correspond with any Bapsist Benevolent Institution she may deem expedient, and shall be considered a co-worker with all the missionary enterprises of the day, as far as authorized or required by the Scriptures.

Art. 10. This Association shall have power at the convening of each session to elect a Moderator and Clerk who shall hold office until the next regular election.

Art. 11. Any amendment may be made to this form of Constitution at any time when two-thirds of the Association may deem it expedient.

Art. 12. Any church wishing a letter of dismission shall make application by letter.



THE CHRISTIAN INDEX AND SOUTH-WESTERN BAPTIST,

A FIRST-CLASS RELIGIOUS AND FAMILY NEWSPAPER,

Of the largest size, and printed in the best style of the art.
Published every Thursday, at Atlanta, Ga

TERMS: THREE DOLLARS PER ANNUM, IN ADVANCE.

Address all communications for the paper to

J. J. TOON, Atlanta, Ga.

☞ Will not *every Baptist* aid in giving the INDEX AND BAPTIST the widest possible circulation?

☞ *Book and Job Printing and Bookbinding, of every description, done in the best style, at the lowest prices, at this office. Orders by mail or otherwise carefully and promptly attended to.*